



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, Plasma Awareness Week is observed throughout the United States and is designed to raise awareness of the importance of plasma donation and its impact on patients with rare diseases, recognize the contributions of plasma donors to saving and improving lives, and to increase understanding about life-saving plasma protein therapies and the conditions they treat; and

WHEREAS, plasma-derived and recombinant therapies, collectively known as plasma protein therapies, are unique biologic products for which no substitutes exist, which save and improve the lives of individuals throughout Idaho and the United States; and

WHEREAS, plasma protein therapies are used to treat many conditions, including hemophilia and other bleeding disorders, primary immune deficiencies, alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency, hereditary angioedema, chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy, idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura and Rh negative pregnancies; and

WHEREAS, these therapies substantially increase quality of life, extend life expectancy and improve patient outcomes for an estimated 600 individuals in the state of Idaho; and

WHEREAS, each year approximately 3,300 pregnant women in Idaho receive a plasma protein therapy to protect mother and baby from complications due to incompatible blood types; and

WHEREAS, there are seven plasma donation centers in Idaho certified under the International Quality Plasma Program where healthy and committed donors provide plasma that is used to manufacture high-impact, life-saving therapies;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim October 9-15, 2016 to be

PLASMA AWARENESS WEEK

in Idaho.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this 9th day of October, in the year of our Lord two thousand and sixteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred forty-first and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twenty-seventh.

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER
GOVERNOR

LAWRENCE DENNEY
SECRETARY OF STATE